

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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6. (Amended) A coolant for an air bag inflator according to claim 1, wherein a bulk density of said coolant is 3.0 to 5.0 g cm⁻³, and said coolant has a pressure loss of 10 mmH₂O to 2000 mmH₂O with respect to an amount of air of 1000 liters minute⁻¹ under the atmosphere of 20°C.

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7. (Amended) A coolant for an air bag inflator according to claim 1, wherein said coolant is an annular laminated body made of wire mesh formed by plainly knitting stainless-steel wire rods, and said laminated body is compressed.

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13. (Amended) A method of producing a coolant according to claim 8, wherein said molded product is compressed also in the radial direction in the compressing process.

14. (Amended) A method of producing a coolant according to claim 8, wherein said molded product is an annular laminated body obtained by forming a plain-knitted wire mesh made of stainless-steel wire rods into a cylindrical body and folding one end of said cylindrical body outwardly and repeatedly.

15. (Amended) A method of producing a coolant according to

claim 8, wherein said molded product is an annular laminated body obtained by forming a plain-knitted wire mesh made of stainless-steel wire rods into a cylindrical body, pressing the cylindrical body in the radial direction to form into a plate body, and then rolling said plate body many times cylindrically.

16. (Amended) A air bag inflator comprising, in a housing thereof with a gas discharge port, an ignition means to be activated upon an impact, gas generating means which is to be ignited and burnt due to activation of the ignition means for generating a combustion gas, and coolant means for purifying and/or cooling said combustion gas, wherein said coolant means is the coolant means according to claim 1.